



January 28, 2003

The Honorable Greg Nickels
Mayor of Seattle
600 Fourth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Reconfirmation of SCL Superintendent Gary Zarker

Dear Mayor Nickels:

The International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers Local 17 represents 2500 employees in the City and over 500 of those employees work at City Light. As a Union Representative my primary assignment is representing members at City Light and I wish to express my support for the reconfirmation of City Light Superintendent Gary Zarker.

Over the years Gary Zarker has demonstrated a commitment to furthering a constructive Labor/Management partnership in a challenging and ever changing environment. That's not to say that Local 17 and City Light have not had their differences; but, to Gary Zarker's credit consensus has generally been reached between the parties.

Most recently City Light has been faced with the uncertainty of the ever changing energy market. Under Gary Zarker's leadership the utility has always demonstrated a strong interest in keeping the consumer rates predictable and affordable for its customers.

On behalf of Local 17 and the members that we represent, we urge you to reconfirm Mr. Zarker so that he can continue to lead City Light through a not so perfect storm.

Sincerely,

Natalie Kaminski
Union Representative

Cc: Joe McGee, Executive Director Local 17
Gary Zarker, Superintendent Seattle City Light
Seattle City Council

